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Lesson 2

1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?

In Arabic "Thank you" is “Shukran” ( شكرا ). The word “Shukran” literally means “thanks.”

1. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

Can be used in restaurants, at shops, and about everywhere else. Used any time after someone helps you.

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

The respectful way of saying “Thank you very much” is “Shukran Jazilan”( شكرا جزيلا )

“Jazilan” which means “a lot.” So, both words together mean “thanks alot.”

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)?

For very special occasions when someone goes above the call

of being kind, when someone is extremely generous, or for any other time you're extremely

grateful, we have the following phrase to express extreme gratitude: “Baaraka Allahu fik” (الل فيكبارك ) and this can mean something like “Thank you very much” although the literal meaning is quite different.